



# CHESTERFIELD COUNTY

STATE OF THE COUNTY — DECEMBER 15, 2015



# CHESTERFIELD A FIRST CHOICE ...FOR FAMILIES

State of the County — December 2015

- 1) Largest population gain in central Virginia since 2010
- 2) Most sought after neighborhoods in the region
- 3) Crime down for 10 straight years; 93% of residents feel safe in their community
- 4) Every school accredited; 85% fully accredited
- 5) SOL scores and graduation rates above state averages





# CHESTERFIELD A FIRST CHOICE...FOR BUSINESS

State of the County — December 2015

- 1) \$3.2B in new business investment since 2008
- 2) 10% growth in number of County businesses since 2011
- 3) Named the top location on east coast for logistics businesses
- 4) Largest manufacturing employment base of any county in state
- 5) Unemployment (4.2%) at lowest level since 2008





# CHESTERFIELD A FIRST CHOICE...FOR VISITORS

State of the County – December 2015

- 1) Tourism efforts/investments bringing thousands to the region...
- 2) Sports tourism alone attracted 131k visitors to the Richmond metro area in FY2015
- 3) \$53.7M in associated economic impact for region
- 4) Roster of events (such as Hops in the Park) continues to expand



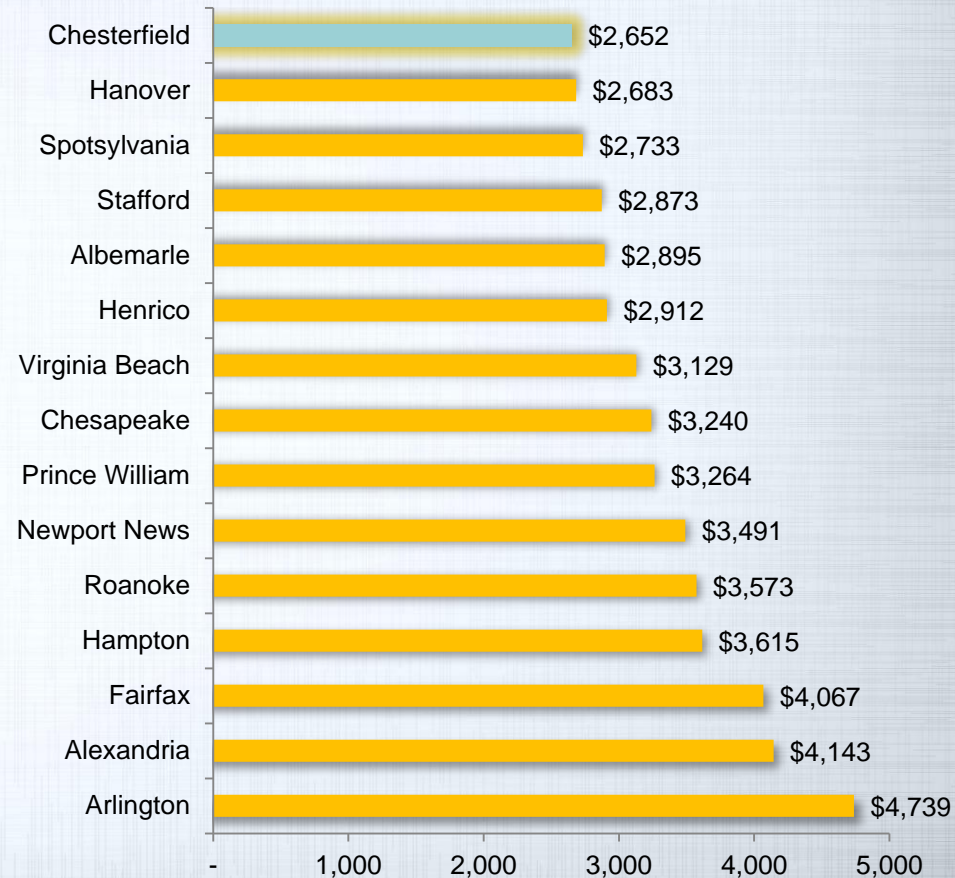


# COUNTY SUCCESS SUPPORTED BY FISCAL DISCIPLINE

State of the County – December 2015

- 1) County's broad appeal reflection of high quality of life at a low cost
- 2) THE lowest cost full service provider in the Commonwealth
- 3) Aided by responsible management practices; outstanding County debt down nearly 30% since 2009 (\$207M)
- 4) Triple AAA rating reaffirmed in 2015
- 5) "County can maintain better credit characteristics than the U.S." -Standard and Poors

**TOTAL EXPENDITURES PER CAPITA**  
FY2014 – Auditor of Public Accounts





# KEYS TO CONTINUED SUCCESS IN 2016

State of the County — December 2015

- 1) Major gauges of community health pointing in the right direction
- 2) Priorities for maintaining that momentum include...
  - Sticking to the five-year plan; focus on strengthening core service areas
  - Further restoration of state funding for education
  - Continued support for economic development
  - Addressing the TMDL mandate
- 3) County's best days are ahead

